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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the celebration of the "Roast and Toast" of Coach John "The Dean" Snyder; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Snyder graduated from Cornell High School; he served in the United States Marine Corps and earned his degree in education from Illinois State University in Normal; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Snyder served 39 years as the Central Catholic High School Saints' basketball coach from 1958 to 1997; he also coached at Trinity High School; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Snyder coached over 1,000 games; he has an overall winning record over than 500 wins; he took his teams to 16 Regional Championships and Class A Tournament berths in 1973, 1976, and 1979; he is the winningest basketball coach with a regional competition record of 59 and 23; and

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WHEREAS, In addition to coaching basketball, Coach Snyder has served as athletic director and coached baseball and football; during the 1965-66 school year, he coached all three sports; and

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1 WHEREAS, Coach Snyder was inducted into the Bloomington
2 Normal Officials Association Hall of Fame, the Illinois State
3 University Hall of Fame, the Central Catholic Hall of Fame, and
4 the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, Central Catholic's gymnasium, infamously named
6 "The Pit" by Coach Snyder, was renamed the John R. Snyder
7 Gymnasium in 1997; and

8 WHEREAS, Coach Snyder was nicknamed "The Dean" by his
9 Assistant Coach, Mike Matthews; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 recognize the celebration of the "Roast and Toast" of Coach
13 John "The Dean" Snyder, and we wish him the best in all his
14 future endeavors; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Coach Snyder as an expression of our esteem and
17 respect.